

## Minutes of the Mt. Vernon – Black Township Park and Recreation Board Meeting, October 20th, 2010

The Mt. Vernon – Black Township Parks and Recreation Department Board held its monthly meeting on Wednesday, October 20<sup>th</sup>, 2010, at the Kiwanis Senior Citizen Center at 6:00 p.m. Attending the meeting was: Park Board President Ron Bennett, Members – Linc Baro, Kelly Cox, Don Oeth and Synda Waters. Parks Director - John Tate and Park Board Secretary - Debra Scott.

The motion to authorize payment of claims was made by Don Oeth and seconded by Linc Baro. Motion Carried.

The motion to approve the minutes as written or corrected from the September 16th, 2010, meeting was made by Linc Baro and seconded by Synda Waters. Motion Carried.

The motion to approve the balance of accounts to be entered into the minutes subject to audit for October 20th, 2010, was made by Linc Baro and seconded by Don Oeth. Motion carried.

### OLD BUSINESS

1. Imagination Station – Mr. Tate stated he had received a check for \$17,737.49 from the Friends of the Library yesterday. There are three bills totaling up to \$3,648.57; which leaves \$14,088.92 in the Imagination Station budget line. Mr. Don Oeth asked what the department was going to owe on the lights at imagination station. Mr. Tate stated to set the pole light should be about \$500.00 and that some engineers were going to come down to give a definite figure. Mr. Tate stated the sponsor plates still need to be replaced which should cost about \$600.00. Mr. Don Oeth asked if the sign had been replaced, Mr. Tate stated that Bob Bulla had made the imagination station a new sign.

2. Shelter #1 – Mr. John Tate stated he had spoke with Ralph Weiss about the gutters at Sh#1. After Mr. Weiss had looked at the gutters he suggested that the Park's Department should go ahead and replace all the gutters and down spouts. Mr. Ralph Weiss gave Mr. Tate a quote of \$4,498: which Mr. Tate passed out to the Board members. Mr. Tate stated he had received three quotes and Mr. Ralph Weiss was the lowest. Mr. Ron Bennett asked Mr. Tate if the department could encumber some money and complete this project in the spring. The board and Mr. Tate discussed it would probably be important to have this project completed soon. Mr. Tate stated Mayor Tucker had set aside four thousand dollars in EDIT funds for our department to use towards a project. Mr. Don Oeth made the motion to purchase new gutters for shelter #1; at a cost of \$4,498.00 with the work to be done by Ralph Weiss, Kelly Cox seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

3. Riverfront Park – Mr. Tate stated the Mayor had invited him to a meeting with Mr. Tom Guggenheim (Boy scouts), Gardening Club and Councilman Fuelling at the riverfront. The meeting was to discuss some projects that will be completed by volunteer groups. Mr. Tate stated Mayor Tucker talked about having all projects completed before the Parks Dept took over. It was discussed that there needs to be a list of all groups involved, so each group knows what is going

on. Mr. Tate said it is still the Mayors intention for the Parks Dept to maintain the riverfront in the near future. Mr. Tate did mention in this meeting that over the next couple a months a meeting between parks board and riverfront people needs to take place. Mrs. Synda Waters stated there should be some type of railing to go around the water garden so no one will fall in. Mr. Tate stated he know the Mayor has talked with others about some type of barrier being installed.

4. Purchases- Mr. Tate stated he had made the purchases that were discussed at last month's meeting. The paint striper for the soccer fields has all ready been used, it works great and maintenance should not have to paint the fields as often. The two basketball goals have been purchased and are in use at the community center.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

1. Disc Golf- Mr., Tate stated a sales representative contacted the office and wanted to discuss building a disc golf course out at Brittlebank Park. Mr. Tate stated Sabic contacted the Parks Dept. a few years ago with the same interest in a disc golf course. Mr. Tate stated the sales rep. is attempting to raise funds to build the course and he had contacted Country Mark about donating \$30,000.00; which is what it costs to build a championship 18 hole disc golf course. The board is not opposed to the idea, but thought maybe a nine hole course might be more attainable. Mr. Tate stated he will talk with the board before further action is taken.

2. Bidding for next year- Mr. Tate stated he was looking at projects to encumber funds in December. It has been 4 years since the swimming pool was painted. The price in 2007 to patch and paint the pool was \$33,000.00. It would be difficult to complete this project just from the 2011 budget. Since any project over \$25,000.00 is required to get sealed bids, Mr. Tate discussed with the city attorney about future bidding. The city attorney said we could bid now for a future project, but we would have to state what budget lines the project would be paid from (2010 and 2011). Tri-State Painting stated in 2007 the gutters at the pool would need to be replaced in five years. An estimate from 2008 for stainless steel gutters was over \$200,000.00. Mr. Tate stated we really need to start a capital fund to save for this project (and others). Mr. Tate stated we could have at least \$16,000.00 from the 2010 budget lines to encumber into the 2011 budget. Mr. Tate stated if he understood correctly we must determine which lines we will put towards the project. Mr. Ron Bennett asked Mr. Tate to speak with the City Attorney again and get all the right steps we need to take on getting sealed bids. We will also check to see if the parks board has any authority with the bidding process. Mr. Don Oeth stated we need to know how much of an increase we need to ask for at budget time, since we are maintaining things now that we do not have the money for. Mr. Tate mentioned again that is why a capital fund is needed, and an increase in the budget will only give a portion for such projects.

Motion was made to adjourn by Linc Baro and seconded by Synda Waters.

Motion Carried.

Meeting Adjourned

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John Tate, Parks Director

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Ron Bennett, Board President

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held at 6:00 p.m., Thursday, November 18th, 2010, at the Kiwanis Senior Citizens Center.